

# How Would Annexation Affect TAXES & FEES

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If Benson Hill chooses to annex, taxes for the average resident will be about the same or lower, although the combination of taxes that residents pay would change. The total amount is the same or lower because cities and counties have different taxing authority under state law. The taxing authority allows cities greater flexibility than counties in how they collect and spend taxes and fees.

The City would begin serving the area with city services and collecting city property taxes, sales taxes, and utility taxes once the annexation becomes effective. Business owners would be responsible for a business license fee.

The City's surface water utility rates for both governments change annually. Today those surface water management fees are less than King County utility rates, so residents would initially pay lower rates than they do today. . Some types of taxes, such as the City's utility tax, would be new to residents, but the total amount that each household pays would stay the same.

## ***King County and Renton Tax & Fee Comparison***

	King County	Renton
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		
Countywide Levy	\$3.85	\$3.85
Renton City Levy	\$0.00	\$2.88
Road/Unincorporated Area Levy	\$1.75	\$0.00
School	\$3.45	\$3.45
Fire District 40	\$1.09	\$0.20
Hospital District 1	\$0.56	\$0.56
King County Library System	\$0.50	\$0.07
Emergency Medical Services	\$0.21	\$0.21
Flood Control District	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Levy Rate (per \$1000 AV)	\$11.41	\$11.22
Median Assessed Value	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Total Property Tax</b>	<b>\$3,423</b>	<b>\$3,366</b>
<b>OTHER TAXES AND FEES</b>		
Utility Taxes	\$141	\$328
Water and Sewer	\$815	\$815
Garbage	\$247	\$161
Fire Dist 40 Benefit Charge	\$164	\$0
<b>Total Other Taxes &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$1,367</b>	<b>\$1,304</b>
<b>Total Taxes, Rates and Fees</b>	<b>\$4,790</b>	<b>\$4,670</b>
<b>Savings From Annexation</b>		<b>\$120</b>

*For illustration only, based on 2007 estimates, tax levy code 4250, house value of \$300,000. Individual tax experience will vary based on consumption by household.*

*Garbage service would not change for 7 years after annexation. Residents would then be required to pay Renton rates. This table reflects current Renton rates.*